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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following arguments are presented in response to the September 7, 2006 official action.

35 U. S. C. § 103 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5 and 19-24 under 35 U. S. C. § 103(a). The Examiner relied upon LeCompte U. S. Patent 5,704,825 (hereinafter LeCompte) in view of Arm U.S. Patent 2,204,392 (hereinafter Arm) to support this rejection.

The Examiner calls Applicant's attention to LeCompte's blast nozzle 10 including converging and diverging walls 28, 30 and 26, 36, as shown in FIG. 2, as the claimed second reducer and second expander sections respectively. The Examiner concedes